

S. 956, to amend title 28, United States Code, to divide the ninth judicial circuit of the United States into two circuits, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 1340, to direct the President to appoint a Commission on Concentration in the Livestock Industry to review and report on specified meat packing industry matters, including certain studies, effects of antitrust laws, and prices, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

SENATE TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee held hearings to examine information management

issues relative to United States Senate technology, receiving testimony from Christopher Hoenig, Director of Information Management Issues, General Accounting Office; Commander Craig B. Luigart, Program Manager, Information Network Project Office, Department of the Navy; Kimberly Jenkins, Highway 1, Washington, D.C.; William A. Ruh, MITRE Corporation, McLean, Virginia; Ron J. Ponder, AT&T, Basking Ridge, New Jersey; and Carl B. Patch, Mobil Oil, Fairfax, Virginia.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 2736–2751; 2 private bills, H.R. 2752–2753; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 294 were introduced. **Pages H14238–39**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 293, providing for consideration of H.R. 2621, to enforce the public debt limit and to protect the social security trust funds and other Federal trust funds and accounts invested in public debt obligations (H. Rept. 104–388);

H.R. 394, to amend title 4 of the United States Code to limit State taxation of certain pension income, amended (H. Rept. 104–389); and

H.R. 2196, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements, amended (H. Rept. 104–390). **Pages H14237–38**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Shaw to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H14175**

VA–HUD Appropriations: By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 190 nays, Roll No. 844, the House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2099, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Pages H14187–H14204**

House recessed from its disagreement to the Senate amendment numbered 63, regarding funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service, with an amendment—clearing the measure for Senate action. **Pages H14203–04**

By a ye-a-and-nay vote of 198 yeas to 219 nays, Roll No. 843, rejected the Obey motion to recommit the conference report to the committee of conference with instruction that the House conferees insist on the House position to Senate amendment numbered 4, regarding funding for Veterans Administration's medical care. **Pages H14201–02**

H. Res. 291, the rule which waived points of order against the conference report, was agreed to earlier by a ye-a-and-nay vote of 242 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 842. **Pages H14182–87**

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the legislative program for the week of December 11. Agreed to adjourn from Thursday to Monday. **Pages H14204–05**

Recess Authority: It was made in order for the Speaker to declare a recess at any time on Tuesday, December 12, 1995, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in Joint Meeting His Excellency Shimon Peres, Prime Minister of Israel. **Page H14205**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, December 13. **Page H14205**

Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources: House insisted on its amendments to S. 641, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend programs established pursuant to the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act of 1990; and agreed to a conference. Appointed as conferees: Representatives Bliley, Bilirakis, Coburn, Waxman, and Studds. **Page H14205**

Federal Reporting Requirements: House agreed to the Senate amendments to the House amendment to

S. 790, to provide for the modification or elimination of Federal reporting requirements—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H14206**

Debt Limit Increase: House agreed to the Archer motion to refer to the Committee on Ways and Means the veto message and accompanying bill on H.R. 2586, to provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit. **Page H14206**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H14187, H14201-02, and H14202-03. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FARMER MAC STATUS; FARMER MAC REFORM ACT

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Resource Conservation, Research, and Forestry held a hearing on the Status of the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac) and on H.R. 2130, Farmer Mac Reform Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Farm Credit Administration: Marsha P. Martin, Chairman; and Eugene Branstool, Chairman, Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation (Farmer Mac); and Charles O. Sethness, Manager, Finance Department, Inter-American Development Bank.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2627, Smithsonian Institution Sesquicentennial Commemorative Coin Act of 1995.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE; DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW AND POLICE TRAINING ASSISTANCE

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H. Con. Res. 117, concerning writer, political philosopher, human rights advocate, and Nobel Peace prize nominee Wei Jingsheng.

The Committee also held a hearing on Democracy, Rule of Law and Police Training Assistance. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Timothy Wirth, Under Secretary, Global Affairs; and Ambassador Robert Gelbard, Assistant Secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, U.S. International Development Cooperation Agency; Jamie S. Gorelick,

Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and Penn Kemble, Deputy Director, U.S. Information Agency.

BANKRUPTCY JUDGESHIP ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on H.R. 2604, Bankruptcy Judgeship Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Paul A. Magnuson, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court of Minnesota and Chairman, Committee on Administration of the Bankruptcy System, U.S. Judicial Conference; Paul Mannes, Chief Bankruptcy Judge, District of Maryland, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy, U.S. Judicial Conference; William A. Anderson, Bankruptcy Judge, Western District of Virginia; and a public witness.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on H.R. 2128, Equal Opportunity Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Molinari, Fowler, and Jackson-Lee; Deval Patrick, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

ANTICOUNTERFEITING CONSUMER PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 2511, Anticounterfeiting Consumer Protection Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Philip G. Hampton II, Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce; Leonard S. Walton, Deputy Assistant Commissioner, Office of Investigations, U.S. Customs Service, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—"COPS" PROGRAM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime held an oversight hearing on the "COPS" Program, authorized by the Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994 (Title I of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994). Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Department of Justice: Joseph E. Brann, Director; Benjamin Tucker, Deputy Director; and L. Anthony Sutin, Deputy Director, Administration.

OVERSIGHT—AGRICULTURAL GUEST WORKER PROGRAMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on agricultural guest worker programs. Testimony was